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NEWS AND NOTES

THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The ninth annual meeting of the American Sociological Society, which was held in Princeton, New Jersey, December 28-31, 1914, was in every way the most successful and satisfactory meeting in the history of the Society. All of the sessions were held in the buildings of Princeton University. The evening sessions were given over to the enjoyment of the many Princeton hospitalities, thus furnishing opportunities for becoming acquainted with the people of Princeton and also with the visiting members of the other organizations meeting at the same time and place, viz., the American Economic and the American Statistical associations. An advantage in meeting away from many counter-attractions, such as are offered by a great city, is the close association into which the members of the different societies are thrown. The Princeton meeting gave abundant opportunity for making new acquaintances, renewing friendships, and talking upon mutually interesting subjects. Perhaps these informal features of our gatherings are as valuable as the formal sessions.

It seemed to be generally agreed that the plan employed by recent presidents in grouping the papers for all sessions around one central topic was most satisfactory. The Executive Committee agreed that of the suggestions made by President Ross for the topic of the next meeting, the most timely subject was "War and Militarism in Their Sociological Aspects."

The session on the "Freedom of the Press" was especially interesting because of the part taken by practical newspaper men. The *Papers and Proceedings* will be a valuable contribution to sociological literature.

At the business meeting the secretary-treasurer reported the excellent financial condition of the Society and an increasing membership.

It was decided to co-operate with the other social science societies in the preparation of a program at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, to be presented in the week beginning August 9. This will be a special meeting of the Society. The next regular meeting of the Society will be held as usual during the Christmas holidays, 1915, in

the Central West, perhaps at Indianapolis. Definite announcement of the place will be made later.

The committee appointed at the Minneapolis meeting (Charles R. Henderson, chairman) to study the standardizing of researches and investigations made a preliminary report suggesting a permanent committee to work with other similar social science organizations, (1) to formulate a general plan; (2) to stand ready to advise with organizations and individuals undertaking investigations.

The Joint Committee on Academic Freedom, representing, in addition to the American Sociological Society, also the American Political Science and the American Economic associations (E. R. A. Seligman, chairman), made a preliminary report. This report will be printed in full in the volume of *Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. IX.

The Committee on Photographs of Sociologists (A. W. Small, chairman) reported the price for furnishing such pictures in quantities. The Executive Committee will select the persons whose photographs are desired.

The Committee on Teaching of Sociology in the Normal Schools (John M. Gillette, chairman) made a report on its work. This report will appear in the annual volume of *Papers and Proceedings*.

Steps were taken to co-operate with the American Economic and American Statistical associations in securing more adequate and satisfactory government statistics.

For the year 1915 the following officers were elected:

President

EDWARD A. ROSS, University of Wisconsin

First Vice-President

GEORGE E. VINCENT, University of Minnesota

Second Vice-President

GEORGE E. HOWARD, University of Nebraska

Secretary-Treasurer

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EDWARD T. DEVINE, Columbia University

JOHN M. GILLETTE, University of North Dakota

EDWARD C. HAYES, University of Illinois

HOWARD B. WOOLSTON, College of the City of New York

The two latter are new members of the Executive Committee.